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Nomination of members of Bunt community to temple committees in South Kanara.

*41 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of the various temple committees belonging to different communities in existence under the old Act in South Kanara, when they were abolished in 1927–28 and two new committees were appointed;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that out of a total of such 98 committees only six were of the Bunt community;

(*c*) the number of members in each of the two new committees referred to above, the communities represented therein and their strength;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that out of the 12 members in the single amalgamated committee recently appointed, as many as six are of the Bunt community to which Mr. A. B. Shetty, M.L.C., belongs; and

(*e*) on what basis six members of the Bunt community have been nominated and why no representation whatever has been given to the various non-Brahman communities which had as many as 39 out of 98 committees under the old Act?

A.—(*a*) In 1927 there were 98 temple committees in South Kanara district constituted under the old Act XX of 1863, as indicated below:—

Desyastha	3	Jadara	1
Carnataka	4	Balegar	3
Shivalli	5	Kanakapillai	1
Kota Brahman	5	Baryar	1
Koteshwar	2	Kaveri Konkanasta ...	2
Saraswat	5	Dravida	1
Goud Saraswat	4	Chittapavana	2
Konkani	5	Nada Brahman ...	1
Stanika	5	Ganda	1
Mogar	3	Ganiga	1
Billawar	5	Bovi	1
Bunt	5	Gouda	1
Jogi	3	Devadya	1
Jangama	4	Nadavara	1
Havik Brahman ...	5	Sherugar	1
Aksala	3	Siva Bhakta	1
Nambidi	1	Kandavar	1
Nambudri	1	Nagapuri	1
Padia	1	Panchaprama	1
Nayar	1	Sakalaspur Havik Brahman	1
Ballala	2		
Kolari	1	Gasayi	1

(*b*) Five of these committees belonged to the Bunt community.

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(c) The strength of the two committees constituted in 1927 was nine each as indicated below :—

	Mangalore Circle Temple Committee.	Udipi Circle Temple Committee.
Shivalli	2	2
Bunt	2	4
Gowda Saraswat	1	1
Saraswat	1	1
Kota	1	1
Nayar	1	...
Havik	1	...

(d) Yes.

(e) The nominations to the committee were made, with one exception, on the recommendation of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, who took into account the claims of the various communities.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question, may I know whether the hon. Minister had reasons for overruling the claims of the various non-Brahman communities which had as many as 39 out of 98 committees in the past ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The object was to give due representation to all communities."

Mr. N. SIVA RAJ :—" May I know whether the members of the community to which the hon. Member Mr. Karant belongs have been represented ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBRARAYAN :—" I hope there are as many as four."

Mr. N. SIVA RAJ :—" May I know, Sir, whether having regard to the number representing the Bunt community, others have been duly represented ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think that is an influential community deserving of so much representation."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the answer to clause (e), will the hon. the Minister give the name of the gentleman, who is the one exception ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARARAN :—" No, Sir."

Deficiency in the cost of the administration of the Hindu Religious Endowments.

* 42 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to make good the deficiency in the cost of the administration of the Hindu Religious Endowments in the Presidency ?

A.—The hon. Member is apparently referring to the question of waiving recovery of the advances made to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board. No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.